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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Texas

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David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

United States of America
v.
Amir Ali Bey
a.k.a. Daniel Isiah Murray
Defendant(s)

Case No. H17-0878

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of April 21, 2017 in the county of Harris in the Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section	*Offense Description*
Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028(a)(7)	Fraud in Connection with Identification Documents
Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341	Mail Fraud

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attached Affidavit

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[signature]
Complainant's signature

Anthony G. Rose, United States Postal Inspector
Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: May 31, 2017

[signature]
Judge's signature

City and state: Houston, Texas

Frances H. Stacy, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Printed name and title

Affidavit in Support of
Arrest Warrant

1. I, United States Postal Inspector Anthony G. Rose, have been employed by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service since 1996. I am currently assigned to the Financial Crimes team in Houston, TX and have received specialized training in numerous Postal crimes, primarily those involving identity theft, mail fraud, and related offenses. I have investigated hundreds of fraud cases and am very familiar with how identity thieves use fraudulent information to obtain credit cards, loans, bank accounts, and other financial accounts.

2. Because this Affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of supporting a criminal complaint, Affiant has not included each and every fact concerning this investigation. Affiant has set forth only the facts believed to establish probable cause that **Amir Ali Bey a.k.a. Daniel Isiah Murray** has committed violations of federal law.

3. On March 26, 2017, an employee for an auto repossession company (Asset Resolutions) went to the Pearl Washington Apartments located at 5454 Washington Avenue in Houston, Texas to look for a vehicle to be repossessed. The vehicle to be repossessed was a 2015 Chevrolet Suburban registered to Jason Ford at 5454 Washington Avenue #1230, Houston, Texas. Apartment 1230 is leased by Andrew Fleming and although the vehicle was not located a black male subject had been seen in the vehicle at the complex recently. Apartment management was also aware that the resident in Apartment 1230 also owned a Harley Davidson motorcycle bearing temporary Texas tag 98P2337. This tag is registered to Amir Bey at 5454 Washington Avenue #1230, Houston, Texas. Due to the suspicious nature of multiple names and vehicles registered to the same apartment but not to the listed resident, Houston Police began an investigation into the matter.

4. The records for the Chevrolet Suburban were subpoenaed from Carvana, LLC and showed this vehicle was purchased by Jason Ford with a birth date in 1980. The records also included a photocopy of a California Driver's License bearing number B3928659 in the name Jason Ford. Affiant has verified with the California Department of Motor Vehicles that this is a fraudulent driver's license. The records also included a pay stub from Way Engineering in Houston, Texas for Jason Ford as proof of employment but Affiant has confirmed that they do not have a Jason Ford listed as an employee of Way Engineering.

5. On April 17, 2017 the management at the Pearl Washington Apartments notified Houston Police that a resident there found several pieces of abandoned mail in the complex mailroom trash can. The discovery was suspicious because there were several names listed on financial mail all going to Apartment 1230 including Amir Bey, Andrew Fleming, Jason Ford, Demarcus Wiltz, and John Horace. The abandoned mail contained bank and credit card statements and collection agency letters and all of the accounts were past due or in collection.

6. Affiant has reviewed the leasing records for Apartment 1230 and it is rented on August 4, 2016 by Andrew Fleming with a birth date in 1981, a Social Security Number ending in 3796, and a copy of California Driver's License number B8537831 including the photo. Affiant checked the Fleming Social Security Number with the Social Security Administration and learned that number was actually issued to a minor child with the initials D.D. The California Department of Motor Vehicles also verified that the Fleming driver's license was fraudulent.

7. Affiant is familiar with a recent fraud trend called "synthetic identity theft" in which fraud suspects are linking names to multiple Social Security Numbers and creating credit profiles with this information with the major credit reporting agencies. Almost all of the victims whose Social Security Numbers are compromised are minor children because they are likely not going to check their credit history until they reach age 18 or above. Once the credit profile is established with the credit reporting agencies it is used to apply for loans and other financial accounts with victim banks or creditors.

8. Affiant obtained a copy of Amir Bey's Texas Driver's License and compared it to the Andrew Fleming and Jason Ford fraudulent driver's licenses mentioned previously. It is Affiant's opinion that Amir Bey's photo is on both the Fleming and Ford driver's licenses. Affiant has researched Amir Bey through state and Federal databases and has determined that he is the true person living in Apartment 1230 under the name Andrew Fleming.

9. On May 3, 2017 Amir Bey was seen at the Pearl Washington Apartments driving a white Dodge Durango bearing temporary Texas tag 07W1591. This vehicle is registered to Andrew Fleming at 6711 Stella Link Road #201, Houston, Texas 77005. The records for this vehicle were subpoenaed from Drive Time and show it was purchased on April 21, 2017 by Andrew Fleming, 6711 Stella Link Drive #201, Houston, Texas 77005. A photocopy of a California Driver's License in the name Andrew Fleming bearing number B8537831 was included in the records and it is the same license found in the leasing documents for Apartment 1230 mentioned

previously. The Social Security Number ending in 2128 listed in the records is registered to a minor child with the initials O.R. Affiant had already confirmed the Fleming driver's license is fraudulent.

10. Affiant went to the Dodge Durango registered address at 6711 Stella Link Road and found it to be a UPS Store that also rents mailboxes. Affiant reviewed the application for mailbox #201 and saw that it was rented by Jason Ford listing a home address of 5454 Washington Avenue #1230, Houston, Texas 77007. A photocopy of California Driver's License number B3928659 in the name Jason Ford was included with the application and it is the same fraudulent driver's license contained in the Chevrolet Suburban records mentioned previously and contains Amir Bey's photograph. On May 18, 2017, Affiant returned to the UPS Store at Stella Link and recovered mail from mailbox #201 from car dealerships and banks in the names Andrew Fleming, John Horace, and Jason Ford. Affiant also observed mail in the mailbox addressed to Amir Bey. Affiant also on this date showed a photo lineup containing Amir Bey's true Texas Driver's License photo along with five similar photos to two employees at the UPS Store and both positively identified Amir Bey as the person known to them as Jason Ford and the only person they have seen pick up the mail for mailbox #201.

11. Affiant obtained a Federal search warrant (case number H17-0824) on May 30, 2017 for Bey's residence at 5454 Washington Avenue #1230, Houston, Texas. Affiant and other Federal and local law enforcement agents executed the search warrant on the morning of May 31, 2017 and Bey was at the residence. Affiant found at that location numerous counterfeit California Driver's Licenses including the Andrew Fleming and Jason Ford licenses that were used to fraudulently purchase the Dodge Durango and Chevrolet Suburban listed above. Credit cards in various names, bank account information, $9,780.00 in cash, and two stolen firearms were also found inside the apartment.

12. Affiant advised Amir Bey of his Miranda rights and he signed a warning and waiver form and agreed to answer questions. He admitted to purchasing several vehicles using fictitious names and Social Security Numbers and also opening credit card and bank accounts using synthetic identities. He explained the process of how he would use a false name, create a Credit Profile Number (used the same as a Social Security Number), create a trade profile linking that name and number together, then use this new credit profile to open financial accounts and purchase vehicles. He stated he did this for himself and others and would be paid $2,000-$4,000 from others for each profile he created. Bey stated he knew the Credit Profile Numbers/Social

Security Numbers he used belonged to real people because he would use websites to determine the year the Social Security Number was issued and if the person it was issued to was deceased. He specifically targeted numbers that had been issued recently which typically indicated the person was a minor and had no credit history.

13. Based on the factors listed above, Affiant believes and has reason to believe that **Amir Ali Bey a.k.a Daniel Isiah Murray** has committed violations of the crimes of Mail Fraud, Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341; and Fraud in Connection with Identification Documents, Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028(a)(7).

Anthony G. Rose
United States Postal Inspector

Sworn and Subscribed to me this 31 day of May, 2017, and I find probable cause.

Frances H. Stacy
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of Texas